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## **Open garage leads to drug arrests**



Mark Woods

03/01/1980



Michael Murphy

09/15/1976

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La Porte police have suspects in custody after following up on suspicious circumstance in a La Porte neighborhood last week.

On Thursday, March 26, while investigating a suspicious vehicle just after 10 p.m. in the 11000 block of Fairwood Drive in La Porte, officers observed the garage door of a residence open to reveal a man sitting on a couch in plain view surrounding by a substantial number of plastic bags. According to police, the bags contained Marijuana and Methamphetamine.

Police arrested the man, identified as Mark Woods, 35, a La Porte transplant from Orange, Texas, for possession of a controlled substance.

In addition, police had observed another male entering the residence as the garage door opened. That suspect was located and initially misidentified himself to officers, but was later identified as Michael Murphy, 38, of Houston. Murphy was taken into custody for failure to identify as a fugitive,

stemming from a parole warrant issued by Deer Park police in a recent home burglary.

According to La Porte police, several additional suspects were found at the residence and have been connected to another felony theft incident in La Porte.

Charges with the Harris County District Attorney's Office are pending